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1. EP 1 176 228 A2
2. DE 198 41 618 A1
3. EP 0 426 608 A2 (in English)
4. DE 196 32 598

Documents 1-4 are cited in the ISR. A concise explanation of relevancy for each non-English document is provided below:

**Document 1**

It is indicated in the ISR that paragraphs [0006] – [0015] of Document 1 are "X" category relevant to claims 1, 3-5, and 7-21 and "Y" category relevant to claims 2, 6, and 22 of the corresponding PCT application.

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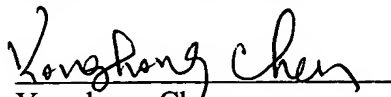
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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